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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul Stark-et al.

Application No.: 09/488,103

Filed: January 20, 2000

For: Multiparticulate Bisoprolol  
Formulation

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: R. Joynes

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, which set a due date for response of April 28, 2003. Please amend the claims as set forth below and reconsider the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 31-34 and 37-39 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claim 1 as shown in the attached Appendix, to appear as follows after amendment:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A multiparticulate bisoprolol formulation for once-daily oral administration, said formulation comprising at least two particles comprising a core of bisoprolol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a polymeric coating comprising at least one polymer that exhibits a pH-dependent dissolution profile and imparts a pH-dependent and pH-independent delay in bisoprolol release, wherein

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